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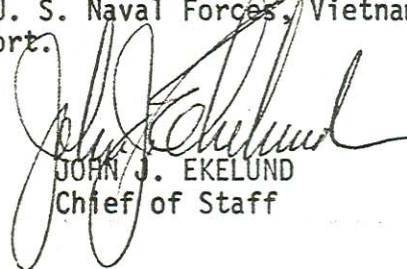
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## QUARTERLY HISTORICAL SUMMARY

- 1 JANUARY -- During 1972, VNN completed 733 regular craft overhauls compared to 907 scheduled. This is the first year in which a comprehensive overhaul program was attempted.
- 2 JANUARY -- At 1150 a Shell Oil barge, while enroute from Cat Lai to Bien Hoa was taken under fire by enemy B-40. The ship sustained one hit on the bow causing light damage.
- 3 JANUARY -- At 1200 while at Point Gwen, USS LAWE reported one man missing. Man was last seen on board at 0800.
- 4 JANUARY -- At 1510 five river craft from RID 46 were taken under fire by enemy forces. Five VNN were wounded.
- The first class of nine trainees completed the VNNSC materials handling equipment (MHE) driver course on preventive maintenance. Completion certificates and drivers licenses were awarded.
- Captain THU, DCOS for Training, VNN completed his tour of duty in this capacity and proceeded to next duty station in the U.S. Relief for Captain THU expected in February.
- LCDR DE CRONA and GMGC BEDIENT visited ARVN Ammunition Depot 533 at Thanh Tuy Ha to conduct an inventory of VNN common ammunition stored at that depot. The total 3" 50 and 5" 38 rounds inventoried was 28,554 of which 28,517 was on stock records, a difference of 37 rounds.
- 5 JANUARY -- Fleet Command personnel installed preventive maintenance system (PMS) on HQ 547 in Saigon.
- VNNSC DTO Receipt Processing Procedures in Vietnamese and English were documented and implemented.
- 6 JANUARY -- Military and civilian advisors, with VNNSY planners, conducted propulsion machinery sea trials on HQ-1 (DER) in preparation for major repairs at the VNNSY.

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- 41 VN Shipyard Workers graduated from a special ET course at VNNTC Nha Trang.
- 8 JANUARY -- SA, VNNSY briefed the Director, VNNSY and other shipyard officers on the MASF budget preparation for FY 73 & 74.
- 9 JANUARY -- LCDR Wayne L. CURRIE, CEC, USN relieved CDR Russell MYERS, Jr., CEC, USN as Senior Advisor, Vietnamese Navy Construction and Base Maintenance Bureau.
- 10 JANUARY -- Shipyard Supply Department completed work on a basic reporting system to provide operational data in each of the major areas of the Supply Department.
- HQ-331 (LSIL) commenced regular overhaul in the Vietnamese Naval Shipyard. This is the first of six LSSL/LSIL overhauls during which main propulsion systems will be converted.
- The installation in all 28 River Patrol Companies was completed with installation of PMS in River Patrol Company 20 at KIEN PHONG.
- GMC M HILL accompanied PMS personnel to the VNN OP Base at Go Dau Ha to inspect the weapons on ASPBs and ATCs attached to RID-40. The CO of RID-40 expressed a desire for additional indoctrination training on the MK 19 Mod 1 machine gun. The weapons on all RID-40 craft were very clean and well preserved.
- 11 JANUARY -- At 0230 the American merchant ship "STEEL TRADER" sustained damage from two mine detonations. The ship was at Kompon Song, Cambodia. Two holes were blown in the hull but cargo and personnel damages were minor.
- At 1800 approximately four Cambodian outpost on the Mekong River were overrun by V.C. Forces.
- At 1907 the entire LDNN SEAL Team at Nam Can was ambushed on the Bo De River. Two SEALs were KIA, eight were WIA, and six VNN were wounded.
- At 2020, ATC 1272 was taken under fire by enemy forces near Nam Can. Two VNN were KIA and six VNN were WIA.
- A combined USN/VNN Field Assistance Supply Team (FAST) inspected the Supply Department at ISB Vinh Long. A grade of GOOD was assigned.

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- A VNN FAST inspected the Supply Department at ISB Ca Mau. A grade of GOOD was assigned.
- QV 8516 was delivered to the ARVN from Associated American Engineers.
- Shipyard Fiscal Department completed the first Ship's Completion Report. The report gives total material and manhours expended for those ships entering the shipyard after 30 September 1972 and which were completed during October. A Ship's Completion Report will be made each month giving total expenditures for ships completed during the month.
- HQ-400 (LSM) commenced regular overhaul at the Singapore Shipbuilding and Engineering, Ltd. in Singapore.

12 JANUARY

- Eight selected Vietnamese completed the eight week AN/SPS-29 air-search radar training program conducted in the Shipyard Electronics Shop.
- Seven VNN officers were sent to NSD Guam for eight weeks of supply indoctrination and on-the-job training. Upon completion of the program, the officers will be assigned to VNN supply management billets.
- HQ-404 (LSM) returned to Saigon after completing regular overhaul at Sembawang Shipyard in Singapore.

15 JANUARY

- ARVN PMS Team commenced PMS installation of ARVN Transportation Companies (LCM-8) after completing training courses at VNN PMS Support Office.

16 JANUARY

- A joint VNNSY/Advisory Group shipcheck was conducted on HQ-405 to determine the extent of required structural repair. As a result, plans were formulated to correct all structural deficiencies during forthcoming regular overhaul.
- Mr. D. H. WEITKAMP, GS-13 Fire Marshal and Mr. H. I. MOREHEAD, GS-13 Fire Protection Specialist arrived from WESTPACDIVNAVFACENGCOM to develop and assist in implementation of a fire protection plan/program for the Vietnamese Navy.

17 JANUARY

- A combined USN/VNN FAST inspected the Supply Department at LSB Cat Lo. A grade of OUTSTANDING was assigned.



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- Plans were developed to permanently correct the electrical system problems on BADONG (HQ-406), the floating coastal radar site. The "fix" to the electrical system includes new voltage regulators, step-down transformers and reconnecting generators properly.

18 JANUARY

- The additional 8K core storage was installed at the VNN Data Processing Center.
- The correspondence identification system within the VNN does not provide for a simple method of filing Technical Notes by subject. Technical Bureau Advisors are assembling and having translated all existing technical notes. A cross-referencing system will be developed and file number added to each note. An updated series of Technical Notes will then be sent to all bases. Future Technical Notes will contain a file number so that they can be filed by subject.

19 JANUARY

- During the period 17-19 January, GCMC HILL accompanied personnel from the Advanced Research Project Agency to Hue to inspect the MK 19 Mod 1 machine guns previously installed on APCs. The Army personnel stated that they were well pleased with the guns and that each weapon had expended approximately 500 rounds since the charger was modified on 26-27 December 1972.
- Captain CHAU relieved Captain HIEP as Co, VNNTC, Nha Trang in ceremonies held at Nha Trang.
- A combined USN/VNN, military/civilian FAST completed an excessing program at LSB Nha Be with 2,400 line items retrograded to CONUS.

20 JANUARY

- At 1905 a fire broke out in the machine shop at LSB Danang. The shop was 100% destroyed. No friendly casualties.
- A meeting was held with Planned Systems Inc. to discuss the lack of progress during the past few weeks. Logistic Division Representatives expressed the government's concern for PSI's limited work progress the last 3 months. PSI was informed that their workload must be completed by 28 February.
- LCDR Charles T. SETTLEMEYER, USN, relieved LCDR Marvin R. EARDAL as SA Delta Naval Advisory Team, Dong Tam.

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- 21 JANUARY -- A VNN/USN PMS Team installed PMS on HQ 9551 and HQ 9552 in Saigon.
- 22 JANUARY -- Recompression chamber for the diving unit at Cat Lai arrived in-country after complete overhaul at NSRF Subic Bay.
- GCMC HILL, GMGC BEDIENT and VNN GM LOC (E-6) visited RAG's 24 and 30 to examine the condition of their MK 19 Mod 1 machine guns. GM LOC instructed the boat crews of RAG 24 on how to clean and perform PMS on their weapons. All weapons on RAG 30 craft were in very good condition.
- 23 JANUARY -- A combined USN/VNN FAST inspected the Supply Department at LSB Binh Thuy. A grade of good was assigned.
- At 0340 two minesweepers, while operating in the Long Tau Channel, were taken under fire by the enemy using B-40 and automatic weapons. Negative damage.
- At 1800 four 122MM rockets impacted in the vicinity of Dong Tam. At 1850 four more rounds impacted. Total casualties were 6 VNN WIA, 3 ARVN WIA.
- 24 JANUARY -- QV 8596 was delivered to the ARVN from Planned Systems Inc..
- 25 JANUARY -- At 2300 in the vicinity of Coast Radar Station 103 at Nui Hon Vuon, thirteen rounds of 122MM fire hit outside the base.
- During the period of 25-26 January, GCMC HILL accompanied personnel from the Advanced Research Project Agency to Long Xuyen to inspect the two MK 19 Mod 1 guns that were installed on APC's in October. The Executive Officer of the 16th Armored Cavalry Squadron reported that the MK 19 Mod 1 machine gun has been used several times in combat and it was well accepted by VN Army personnel.
- Director, VNNSY changed shipyard working hours to 0800-1200 and 1330-1700. These new hours eliminated the 2½ hour lunch break.
- The VNNSY Fiscal Department completed the first shipyard Material and Labor Expenditure Report which covers OCT and NOV 72. The report provides essential historical cost data required to monitor the expenditure of U.S. provided funds.



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- 26 JANUARY -- Coastal Radar Station 103, at Nui Hon Vuon reported more incoming rounds at 1230. Negative damages.
- At 2028 Dong Tam went to General Quarters as incoming rounds began to increase. Negative personnel damages.
- 27 JANUARY -- At 1800 east of Nam Can, LSSL 229 was taken under fire by seven rounds of B-40 rockets. Hits were taken in the generator room and crews head. Seven VNN were wounded.
- At 2028 Dong Tam went to General Quarters as the base began taking incoming. The ARVN ammo dump was hit causing numerous secondaries. The American compound sustained extensive damage but there were no personnel casualties. The entire Supply Department at the LSB was destroyed by fire and explosions resulting from the action. All stocks, stock records, materials handling equipment and storage facilities were lost. A joint USN/VNN recovery plan is underway to restock the base with demand-based items by 15 February. In the interim, VNNSC is providing daily, emergency service to Dong Tam.
- 28 JANUARY -- Fourteen of 30 key DAO Navy Divisions Supply Section civilian personnel billets were filled. Recruitment was initiated for the remaining positions.
- At 0300 Coastal Group 21 and Coastal Radar Station 201 locations were under heavy enemy pressure. HQs 11 and 619 were assigned to Naval Gunfire Support off the coast. At 0825 the communists forced 200 civilians to approach within 200 meters of the compound. Coastal Group 21 forces fired into the air and the civilians dispersed. Two VNN were KIA and nine VNN were WIA.
- Naval Advisory Team Thuan An disestablished and advisors moved to Naval Advisory Unit Danang.
- At 0800H a cease fire went into effect throughout the Republic of Vietnam.
- 29 JANUARY -- Revised SK "A" School curriculum commenced at Regional Forces River Patrol Force Training Center, Cat Lai in renovated facilities. Course is designed to retrain storekeepers, already knowledgeable in ARVN orientated supply system, in the U. S. Navy oriented system.
- Delta Naval Advisory Team Ben Luc was disestablished and advisors withdrawn. Delta Naval Advisory Team, Phu Cuong was disestablished and advisors withdrawn.



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30 JANUARY

- Naval Advisory Team, Qui Nhon was disestablished and advisors withdrawn.
- Disestablished Training Center Advisory Team personnel at NTC's Nha Trang and Cam Ranh. Team personnel completed final turnover of all material and returned to Saigon.
- In the vicinity of Coastal Radar Station 201, DeGi, ARVN troops on hill 82 reported a large number of enemy troops 300 meters from their positions.
- At 2330 enemy troops at DeGi began shelling Coastal Group 21 Headquarters with 82MM mortars. HQ-5 was called upon to provide counterfire. One VNN was WIA.

31 JANUARY

- Navy's in-country strength dropped from approximately 1554 to approximately 1413.
- The Special Services retrograde program attained a dollar figure of \$436,121.00 for the month of January 1973.
- The first withdrawal increment of U.S. Naval Advisors from the shipyard started the last week of January, reducing advisory strength from 15 to 10.
- VNNSC January net effectiveness was 93% and gross effectiveness was 78%
- HQ 8026 was delivered to the VNN, thus completing the Associated American Engineers Contract.
- All U.S. Advisors withdrew from Electronics Repair Center, Nha Be.
- The Technical Assistance Team that existed in the VNNSY as an affiliated advisory unit was integrated into the U.S. Advisory organization. This was a major milestone in the continuing civilianization of the Vietnamese Naval Shipyard Advisory and Consulting effort.
- VNN 7th Fleet Orientation and Indoctrination cruise participants commenced returning to Vietnam. Preliminary reports indicate a highly successful training period.
- 200 of the 252 programmed installations for the MK 19 Mod 1 Grenade machine gun on riverine craft have been completed.
- Delta Naval Advisory Teams Rach Gia and Chau Doc disestablished and advisors withdrawn.

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- 1 FEBRUARY -- Naval Advisory Unit Nam Can disestablished and advisors withdrawn.
- 2 FEBRUARY -- East Delta Advisory Element Dong Tam and Delta Naval Advisory Teams Can Tho and Dong Tam disestablished and advisors withdrawn.
- 3 FEBRUARY -- VNN Coastal Radar Site (CRS) 201, Degi, attacked and captured by enemy forces.
- 4 FEBRUARY -- VNN landed one battalion of ARVN Rangers 3km north of CRS 201. Concurrent helicopter assault resulted in recapture.
  - Senior Marine Advisor departed the VNMC Division Command Post from Saigon.
- 6 FEBRUARY -- Naval Advisory Unit Nha Be disestablished and advisors withdrawn.
- 7 FEBRUARY -- Naval Advisory Unit An Thoi disestablished and advisors withdrawn.
  - Force Legal Office disestablished.
  - Force Medical Advisors Office disestablished.
- 8 FEBRUARY -- Marine Advisory Unit (MAU) G-3 advisors departed the VNMC Division Command Post for Saigon. 3 USMC advisors remain.
- 9 FEBRUARY -- ACOS for VNN Personnel Advisory Matters (N8) disestablished.
- 10 FEBRUARY -- Naval Advisory Unit Cam Ranh Bay disestablished. All advisors, except Harbor Defense and Explosive Ordnance Disposal advisors, withdrawn.
- 11 FEBRUARY -- Office of Senior Coast Guard Officer, Vietnam disestablished. All USCG personnel have departed RVN.
  - Force Inspector's Office disestablished.
- 12 FEBRUARY -- GMCM HILL, EMCS WATERS (PMS) and VNN GM LOC (PMS) visited LSB Dong Tam to instruct on the mounting of the improved MK9 MOD1 cable charger for the MK 19 MOD1 machine gun.
- 13 FEBRUARY -- LSB DaNang received 13 critical items of Industrial Plant Equipment from LSB's Nha Be, Cat Lo, Dong Tam, Binh Thuy, and ISB Qui Nhon to replace items damaged in the machine shop fire.



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- CDR M. H. HANSON, USN, ACOS for VNN Personnel Advisory Matters (N8) departed RVN.
- 14 FEBRUARY -- The Proposed Alteration instruction for the VNN was completed and forwarded to the VNN for approval and implementation.
  - Delta Naval Advisory Unit Binh Thuy disestablished and advisors withdrawn.
  - SA, VNN Shipyard provided VNNSY with a detailed listing of actions to be taken regarding GM diesel engine repairs based on the recommendations of the GM Diesel Engine Review Team from NAVSEC and Detroit Diesel.
- 15 FEBRUARY -- Naval Advisory Unit Cat Lo disestablished. All advisors, except Harbor Defense and EOD advisors, withdrawn.
  - GMCM HILL accompanied personnel of the Advance Research Project Agency to Hue to inspect and repair two MK 19 MOD 1 guns on APC's that were damaged during engagement with enemy forces. One gun was repaired on site and the second was returned to Saigon for repair.
  - CDR J. M. BAUMAN, USN, relieved CAPT H. L. YOUNG, USN, as Senior Advisor, Vietnamese Naval Shipyard. CAPT YOUNG relieved CAPT J. C. McARTHUR, USN, as Senior Advisor for Technical Matters (N48).
- 16 FEBRUARY -- The Director VNNSY confirmed in writing the shipyard's ability to accept the overhaul of HQ-1 and HQ-7 in 1973 and recommended to VNN Headquarters that these overhauls be scheduled at VNNSY during CY-73. The scheduling of these two overhauls, originally planned to be accomplished out-of-country, at VNNSY will allow termination of the out-of-country overhaul program six months ahead of schedule.
  - Completed debriefing of field advisory logistic personnel. Purpose of debriefings was to provide civilian consultants with latest information on field conditions and problems. Units debriefed: DNAU Binh Thuy, NAU's Nam Can, Nha Be, Cat Lai, An Thoi, Cam Ranh Bay, Cat Lo, DaNang, EDAE Dong Tam and NAT Ben Luc.
  - Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron ONE, Detachment DaNang, RVN and Naval Communications Station, Philippines, Detachment DaNang, RVN, departed FASU DaNang and relocated at NAS Cubi Point, Philippines.

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17 FEBRUARY -- U. S. Navy watch at VN Naval Operations Center terminated.

- FASU DaNang terminated all operational support to squadron detachments and transient aircraft.
- VNN PMS personnel installed PMS on HQ-9509 in Saigon.
- Three remaining MAU advisors depart VNMC Division Command Post for Saigon. Active USMC field advisory effort is terminated.

20 FEBRUARY -- Force Public Affairs Office disestablished.

- COMNAVFORV requested COMNAVORDSYSCOM to furnish 425 81mm Master Anti-Double Loading Devices for the VNN.
- Fleet Command personnel installed PMS on HQ-542 in Saigon.
- Completed a project begun on 18 February to re-install PMS on HQ-9611, using only VNN PMS support office personnel and shelf-stock. This is the first such package assembled in-country, all others having been produced by Navy Maintenance Management Field Office, West, San Diego.

23 FEBRUARY -- Naval Advisory Unit DaNang disestablished. All advisors, except Harbor Defense and EOD advisors, withdrawn.

- Special Services Division ceased operation. Final retro-grade program reached a dollar figure of \$500,000.
- Contractor work on VNNSY Training Facility, building 142, completed. All remaining work to be done either by shipyard public works or by the shipyard trainees.
- 50 AN/VRC-46 and AN/PRC-25 radio transceivers receivers turned over to VNNSY Supply Department. This completes procurement action by NAVADVGRP for presently authorized 150 Ferro-Cement Coastal Raiders.

24 FEBRUARY -- Sandblasting equipment at LSB Binh Thuy tested satisfactorily. (This is the first time sandblasting equipment has been used at this base.)

- ARVN PMS team completed installation of PMS on Medium Boat Group 503 in Saigon.
- ACOS for Training (N7) disestablished. The Offshore Training Administrator, to be relieved by a civilian



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in the joint Training Section, Readiness and Training Branch, Operations and Plans Division, DAO, relocated to JGS compound, Army Advisory Group office spaces.

- 26 FEBRUARY -- VNNSY completed removal of the starboard engine of HQ-8 (PCE). The job was completed in 13 days from the time accesses were cut until all system service was restored.
- 27 FEBRUARY -- Naval Ammunition Dump at Phuoc Xuyen Naval Base was 80 percent destroyed by fire and explosions after being hit by fragments from the exploding 7th ARVN Infantry Division Artillery Ammunition Dump.
- CDR C. G. FELKINS, USN, ACOS for Training (N7) departed RVN.
- 28 FEBRUARY -- All military Sealift Command out ports offices (DaNang, Qui Nhon, Cam Ranh Bay, Can Tho, and Vung Tau) disestablished and personnel withdrawn.
- Final draft of VNN Shipyard Self-Sufficiency Master Plan (SSMP) completed. The SSMP highlights those areas that require continued support and assistance to ensure achievement of self-sufficiency by the shipyard prior to the phase-out of U.S. consultants.
- HQ-8 departed Saigon for a three month regular overhaul and engine conversion at the U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility, Subic Bay. This will be the last out-of-country overhaul.
- The Electronics Advisor Support Shop at NAVFORV compound terminated all operations
- Completed turnover of two LCU's and three LCM's repaired under the Master Ship Repair Contract to the ARVN and VNN.
- ACOS for Programs functions transferred to Operations, Plans and Programs Branch, Navy Division, USDAO, Saigon.
- Navy in-country strength dropped to approximately 575.
- 1 MARCH -- CAPT H. L. YOUNG, USN, relieved CAPT J. C. McARTHUR, USN, as ACOS for Logistics (N4).
- The following elements of the Navy Division, USDAO, Saigon were activated this date, assuming the responsibilities of the NAVADVGRP elements indicated.

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VNN Logistics Support Branch (N4/N45)  
Technical/LSB/ISB/ASB Management Section (N48)  
Construction and Base Maintenance Section (N47)  
VNN Shipyard Section (N484)

USN advisors remained on board to assist DOD civilians as required.

- DELTA ROCK PROGRAM (MSCOV) coordinating function assumed by USAID.
- 2 MARCH -- The VNN Ships Section, Navy Division, DAO, was activated, assuming the responsibilities of the Fleet Command Advisory Unit.
- Harbor Defense and EOD advisors, Cat Lo, withdrawn.
- 3 MARCH -- Last two LCM-8's repaired under Master Ship Repair Contract turned over to VNNSY.
- 4 MARCH -- Harbor Defense and EOD advisors, DaNang, withdrawn.
- HQ-703 taken under fire and destroyed near the Cua Viet. It was later sunk by the VNN.
- FASU DaNang disestablished.
- 5 MARCH -- FASU DaNang personnel, having been temporarily delayed by redeployment freeze, were withdrawn.
- 6 MARCH -- CG FMFPAC assumed Operational Control of Sub Unit ONE, 1st ANGLICO.
- Harbor Defense and EOD advisors, Cam Ranh Bay were withdrawn to Nha Trang.
- 7 MARCH -- Naval Advisory Unit Cat Lai disestablished and advisors withdrawn.
- Harbor Defense and EOD advisors Cam Ranh Bay/Nha Trang withdrawn, completing redeployment from MR II.
- U.S. Naval Investigative Service Resident Agent Office Saigon disestablished.
- 8 MARCH -- Master Ship Repair Contract Office closed; all contracts terminated or transferred to DAO cognizance.



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- 10 MARCH -- Office of the Chief, Navy Division, USDAO, Saigon activated for cognizance over responsibility for DAO matters. Control of other NAVFORV/NAVADVGRP MACV remains with COMNAVFORV/CHNAVADVGRP MACV. Chief, Navy Division is CAPT R. F. STALDER, JR., USN (also DCOS for Plans and Programs/ACOS for Plans, Studies and Analyses (03/N5).
- The Operations, Plans and Programs Branch, Navy Division, DAO, was activated assuming responsibility for N3, N5 and N6 functions.
- 12 MARCH -- The Supply Section, Navy Division, DAO, was activated, assuming the responsibilities of N44.
- 13 MARCH -- NAVFORV/NAVADVGRP MACV ARFCOS account closed.
- 14 MARCH -- Supply Support Division, Postal Division and Disbursing Office ceased operations.
- 15 MARCH -- The Administrative Branch, Navy Division, DAO, was activated, assuming the responsibility of 02A, and selected N1 functions.
- 16 MARCH -- Mr. Donald I. BERNEY relieved CDR T. J. SULLIVAN, USN as Chief, MSCOV.
- Navy in-country strength dropped to 231 as a result of completion of third increment (X+31 - X+45) of redeployment.
- 22 MARCH -- Administrative Branch, Navy Division, DAO, assumed remaining communications responsibilities from N36.
- 26 MARCH -- CDR E. M. BARRETT, USN, ACOS for Administration (N1) departed RVN, having been the last woman Naval Officer to serve on the NAVFORV/NAVADVGRP MACV staffs.
- 27 MARCH -- ACOS for Administration (N1) disestablished.
- CAPT R. T. KELLY, USN, ACOS for Operations (N3)/SA, DCNO SEAOPS departed RVN.
- 28 MARCH -- RADM James B. WILSON, USN, COMNAVFORV/CHNAVADVGRP MACV departed RVN for Honolulu. Senior Naval officer in-country is CAPT J. J. EKELUND, USN, Chief of Staff.
- CAPT C. N. CONGER, USNR, ACOS for Intelligence (N2) assumed the duties of Naval Attache.

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-- CDR T. C. ANDERSEN, SC, USN, ACOS for Military Assistance Programs (N6) departed RVN.

-- Marine Corps Personnel Section deactivated.

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-- CAPT J. J. EKELUND, USN, Chief of Staff NAVFORV/NAVADVGRP MACV departed RVN for Honolulu.

-- All USN/USMC personnel (with exception DAO/Embassy personnel) departed RVN. Military personnel remaining in-country:

CAPT R. F. STALDER, JR., USN, Chief, Navy Division

CAPT H. L. YOUNG, USN, Chief, VNN Logistics Support Division

CAPT C. E. CUSON, SC, USN, Chief Supply Section

LTCOL W. D. FILLMORE, USMC, Chief, VNMC Logistic Support Branch

CAPT C. N. CONGER, USNR, ALUSNA

CAPT E. H. BELTON, CEC, USN, Director of Construction

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Operations and Plans Division

CDR L. D. BULLARD, USN, Staff Plans Officer, Plans Section,  
Plans and Liaison Branch, Operations  
and Plans Division

MAJ R. F. JOHNSON, USMC, Operations Staff Officer, Readiness  
Section, Operations and Training  
Branch, Operations and Plans Division

Additionally, there are 156 USMC spaces in the Embassy  
Security Detachment, Saigon. 29 March strength was 143.

-- Naval Forces Vietnam/Naval Advisory Group Military  
Assistance Command Vietnam disestablished.